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## AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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## Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action April 21, 2006, by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this Action originally was due July 21, 2006. Applicants herein Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and authorize payment of the extension fee. In view of the filing of the Petition and payment of the fee, a response is now due October 21. However, because October 21, 2006 falls on a Saturday, a response or other action taken the next business day, namely Monday October 23, 2006, is considered timely. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

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